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In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 11 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (amended) A compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length targeted to a 5'-untranslated region, a start codon region, a coding region, a stop codon region, or a 3'-untranslated region of a nucleic acid molecule encoding Damage-specific DNA binding protein 1, p127 (SEQ ID NO: 3) wherein said compound specifically hybridizes with and inhibits the expression of Damage-specific DNA binding protein 1, p127.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-15 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1, 2 and 4-15 have been stated to be rejected. Claim 11 has been canceled. Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of these amendments and the following remarks.

I. Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The Examiner states that the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 4-15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dulan et al.